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1. DRAWING ON REFTELS, AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED WITHDRAWAL OF OUR OFFER OF ADDITIONAL FMS CREDITS FOR FY 77 WITH SECSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS MOULAY AHMED CHERKAOUI DURING SEPT 30 CALL TO INTRODUCE AFN DIRECTOR JAMES BISHOP. CHERKAOUI OPENED CONVERSATION BY SAYING THAT FONMIN LARAKI HAD JUST RECEIVED AMBASSADOR BENGELLOUN'S TELEGRAM OF HIS SEPT 29 CONVERSATION WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY VELIOTES, THAT BENGELLOUN WAS CONCERNED OUR WITHDRAWAL REPRESENTED A NEGATIVE POLITICAL DECISION POSSIBLY FROM THE WHITE HOUSE, AND THAT LARAKI HAD ASKED HIM TO SEE IF THE AMBASSADOR COULD PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS SURPRISING DECISION.

2. THE AMBASSADOR REVIEWED WHAT VELIOTES HAD TOLD BENGELLOUN, AND UNDERLINED THAT THERE WAS NO POLITICAL CONSIDERATION IN THIS DECISION VIS-A-VIS MOROCCO OR OUR OTHER TWO CLOSE FRIENDS, TUNISIA AND INDONESIA. AFTER SADLY NOTING THIS TURN OF EVENTS, CHERKAOUI SAID THAT HE ACCEPTED THIS AND
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WOULD SO INFORM LARAKI. IN TELEPHONING THE AMBASSADOR LATER THE SAME DAY TO SAY THAT FONMIN WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE LEAVING FOR NEW YORK WITH MRS. LARAKI BEFORE TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, CHERKAOUI SAID THAT HE HAD REPORTED THE AMBASSADOR'S MORNING CONVERSATION TO LARAKI, THAT THE LATTER WAS FULLY SATISFIED THAT THERE WAS NO POLITICAL MOTIVE, AND THAT KING HASSAN WOULD BE SO INFORMED.

3. THE AMBASSADOR ALSO TELEPHONED ON SEPT 30 TO COLONEL MOHAMED ACHAHBAR, SEC GEN, NATIONAL DEFENSE ADMINISTRATION, WHO HAD BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN MEETING THE DEADLINE REQUIREMENTS TO ENABLE THE GOM TO SIGN THE SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN. ACHAHBAR TOO NOTED THE WITHDRAWAL WITH GREAT SADNESS, BUT WAS PERSUADED THAT THERE WAS NO POLITICAL CONSIDERATION AGAINST MOROCCO.

4. AS A COURTESY TO FONMIN LARAKI, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE SECRETARY MENTION THIS UNFORTUNATE DEVELOPMENT DURING HIS OCTOBER 14 WORKING LUNCHEON WITH LARAKI.
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